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1. At the beginning of May 1955, Minister Fritz Selbmann sent confidential instructions to the heads of all enterprises under the Ministry for Heavy Industry ordering them to support the recruitment drive for the Kasernierte Volkspolizei. The drive was to be considered a state-political task and vigorously aided. 25X1

3. With respect to preparations for the Leipzig Fall Fair in 1955 and Spring Fair in 1956, the Praesidium of the Council of Ministers demanded improvements, particularly in:

- a) The establishment and legal securing of trade-marks,
- b) Increase in the variety of goods displayed,
- c) The issuance of prospectuses, and
- d) Promoting of visual advertising.

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4. The two former Wismut mines in Baerenstein and Marienberg were officially turned over to the Ministry for Heavy Industry on 4 May 1955.

5. The Praesidium of the Council of Ministers instructed all East German

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ministries to prepare measures before 15 May 1955 for the job possibilities and indoctrination of West German "peace-loving" youth coming to East Germany to escape military duty in the West. In the Ministry for Heavy Industry, the head of the Central Labor Department was ordered to work out the necessary measures for that Ministry.

6. Decree No. 10/19 of the Praesidium of the Council of Ministers specified that 226 additional specialized engineers from the Ministries for Heavy Industry, Machine Construction, and Light Industry be made available to the Ministry for Foreign and Domestic Trade for promoting the export program. The engineers selected were required to have wide experience in their respective fields and be suitable for service abroad. The names of those from the Ministry for Heavy Industry were to be available by 19 May 1955.

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